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INCREASE IN PRODUCTION OF FODDER
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Central scheme is being implemented for increase in production of fodder in the country particularly in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government have assessed the success of the said scheme in each State;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the other measures being taken by the Central and State Governments for increase in production of fodder in the country especially in the areas deficient in fodder?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Central Government implements a scheme `Central Fodder Development Organisation` for the development of feed and fodder in the country. There are 7 Regional Stations for Forage Production and Demonstration located in different agro-climatic conditions at Kalyani (West Bengal), Hissar(Haryana), Jammu (J&K), Suratgarh (Rajasthan), Hyderabad (A.P.), Chennai(T.N.) and Gandhinagar (Gujarat) and 1 Central Fodder Seed Production Farm at Hessarghatta, BangaloreThe jurisdiction of the station is given in Annexure. The R.S.F.P &D.at Gandhinagar (Gujarat) takes care of the Feed and Fodder Development Programme in the State of Gujarat. These station are engaged in multiplication of good quality seeds of newly evolved fodder varieties. They also organize training programmes, field days/farmers fair and conduct the fodder demonstrations at the farmers field for showing the latest know-how about the fodder production and adopt the new fodder varieties evolved by the Universities/ICAR Institutions. Besides, there is a `Central Minikit Testing Programme on Fodder Crops` under which fodder minikits are provided to the State Governments for onward supply to the farmers free of cost in both the seasons i.e. Kharif and Rabi.

(c) &(d): The monitoring of the progress is being continuously done by the Government.

(e): A new Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Enhancement of Feed and Fodder Production including Improvement of Common Property Resources` has been proposed for 10th Plan for implementation in the country as a whole.